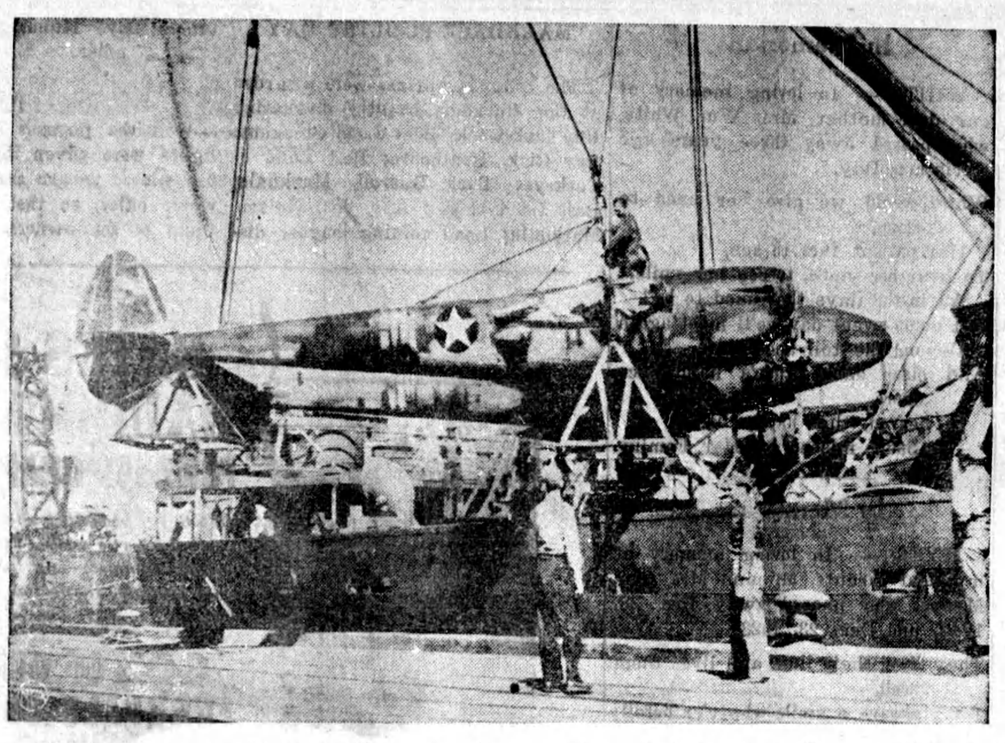
PUTTING PUNCH IN THE AUSTRALIAN AIR ARM



Vicious scrappers, swift P-38 fighters like this one being unloaded in Australia, are adding plenty of drive to the battle against the Japs.

Have You Heard?

She watched the door of her new establishment open to admit her first client. Business had started! A good impression must be created!

Hurriedly she grasped the telephone receiver and became engaged in an animated conversation. Then an appointment having been arranged, she replaced the receiver, and asked: "What can I do for you, sir?"

A moment's pause, and then: "If you please, Ma'am, I've come to connect the telephone!"

Briggs: "You say that your wife went to college before you married her."

Griggs: "Yes she did."

Briggs: "And she thought of taking up law, you said?"

Griggs: "Yes but now she's satisfied to lay it down."

Last month, a friend invited me to his office to see a chair that he said had cost $5,000.

"You must be kidding," I said. "That chair is not worth $5,000."

"Maybe it isn't worth that money," he agreed, "but that's what it cost me last year, just sitting in it, when I should have been up and after business!"

Joe: "What's become of the Hiker's Club?"

Jim: "Oh, it disbanded. It was getting too hard to persuade passing motorists to pick us up and give us a lift."

An old lady was arguing with the driver about the cost of the taxi ride.

"I tell you the price you are charging us poor people who have been bombed out of our homes is ridiculous. Do you think I have been traveling in a taxi for years for nothing?"

"No" replied the driver, "but I'm jolly well sure you've tried your hardest."

"Tommy," asked his stingy uncle, "how would you feel if I were to give you a penny?"

"I think," replied Tommy, "that I would feel a little faint at first, but I'd try and get over it."

"How did Maguire lose the fingers of his right hand?"

"Oh, he put them in a horse's mouth to find out how many teeth he had."

"And then what happened?"

"The horse closed his mouth to find out how many fingers Maguire had."

"George, am as I as dear to you as I was before we were married?"

"Ah, in those days I didn't count the cost!"

Chunk From Engine Downs Nazi Plane

A German fighter was brought down by a fragment from a locomotive boiler which exploded during a strafing by the unfortunate Nazi and another raider.

It happened when two Focke-Wulf 190's slipped across the coast for the first Nazi air assault on Britain in three weeks.

After machine-gunning a school and fire station the Germans roared in low over a standing train. A chunk of steel from the engine hurtled upward and scored a direct hit on the Nazi.

Eyewitnesses said the elated engineer was as proud as if he'd done it himself.

The highest mountain of Europe is Mount Elborus, 18,526 feet, in the Caucasus.

Ways To Punish Nazis After War

When the next peace is considered, the Allies will have before them two alternatives, states The London Sunday Times. One is to purge ruthlessly and on a large scale the Nazis and militarists and then give a chance to German democracy; the other is to discriminate less, but be much more severe toward the nation as a whole.

If, however, the discriminating policy is pursued, it must not be a question of merely putting special criminals to death. That may be done, but not that alone. Large bodies of Germans constitute at this moment the Gestapo, the S.S., and the party officials. None of them need have filled any of these positions; they volunteered; and in doing so they pledged themselves to take part in any atrocity.

No one would suggest shooting so large a multitude, but there may be strong arguments for removing them from the future Germany and putting them where they can do no more mischief.

25th Anniversary Of Great Disaster

1,635 Persons Killed in Explosion at Halifax

Dec. 6 was the 25th anniversary of one of the worst single disasters in the world's history.

It was on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1917, that the Halifax explosion literally blew apart the entire northern section of the city of 60,000 people.

Today scars are still visible in Halifax, which is again a busy wartime seaport.

In the northern end of the city, in the west narrows, which divide Bedford Basin from the stream or main harbor, two ships collided 25 years ago—the Imo, a freighter of Norwegian registry loaded with 8,000 tons of wheat under Belgian relief charter, and the French freighter Mont Blanc, carrying 4,000 tons of explosives.

The resulting explosion killed 1,635 persons. Five hundred disappeared completely. Scores were blinded and dozens partially blinded. Hundreds more received other injuries.

The explosion was investigated by the law courts, and the case was taken to the privy council. That tribunal ruled both ships had been at fault. Rumors of sabotage are still unproven today.

A new city has arisen from the ruins of the old. A large-scale wartime housing project blots out the scar of the disaster. But Halifax hasn't forgotten, and precautions have been taken to ensure that the second world war does not repeat the disaster of the first.

PARATROOP CHIEF HONORED

Col. Edson D. Raff of New York, left, commander of the first contingent of U. S. paratroops in North Africa, stands at attention as French Gen. Edouard Welvert decorates him with the French Legion of Honor medal. Col. Raff and his men flew 1500 miles from England to get into action.

United States Year Ahead Of Schedule

The U. S. Navy carrier-building program is 25 months ahead of schedule. Fourteen thousand planes more are to be given to the Navy.

What a feat that carrier building is! It means that the Americans are averaging a year ahead on every one of the 17 carriers under construction. The first half-dozen were begun only last year.

It means that America's shipbuilders are doing a four-year job in two years; that the first of these 35-knot, 25,000-tonners, each carrying 80 planes, may be in the fighting line next year.

British naval shipbuilding is secret.

Their shipyards are not known to have done more than replace the four aircraft carriers lost since the fall of France.

Their warship building program was disorganized by the French collapse.

Equipment for new fighting ships was delayed while the 1940 losses of every type of weapon used by the army were made good.

Now naval construction is on the same priority as tanks, guns and planes.

Electric Eye

An electric detector, invented in England, prevents damage to saws by "finding" metal nails or bolts hidden in timber.

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WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING

NEW MEDICINE STOPS BLEEDING QUICKLY

Prize fighters are using a new medicine which stops bleeding almost instantly.

The seconds are putting the medicine on troublesome cuts, especially around eyes, which partly blind fighters and sometimes cause a referee to stop a fight.

The medicine is the fastest blood-clotting substance ever found, and the ring, in adopting it, is one of the first agencies to prove the advantages. The medicine is made from rabbit's blood, and that has no implications as to its effect on courage. The remedy could as easily be made of lion's blood, if lions weren't so expensive.

It is a whitish powder, extracted from plasma, the portion of blood remaining after the red corpuscles have been removed. The rabbit plasma is the same portion of whole blood as the human plasma now collected by the Red Cross for military transfusions.

Out of this rabbit plasma a little more than a year ago Dr. I. A. Parafentjev, of the Lederle laboratories, obtained a globulin, which is one of the important proteins in blood. The globulin had remarkable blood-clotting powers.

One part of the extract would clot 60,000 parts of blood in three seconds.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

1. Isn't it poor taste to speak frequently of the cost of various things, clothes, food, etc.?
2. What is a fricassee?
3. Is it all right to use violet, red, blue, or green ink in social correspondence?
4. Is a woman's second wedding as elaborate as her first?
5. Isn't it nice for a person engaged in any kind of sport or game to praise his opponent when the latter makes an exceptionally good play?
6. Is it all right to use a folded napkin to brush the crumbs off the table?

Answers

1. Yes; it is very poor taste to do so. 2. A dish made of fowls, veal, or other meat, cut into pieces and stewed in a gravy. 3. No. Black ink only should be used. 4. No. The specific arrangements vary according to the age of the bride and the attitude of family and friends towards the second marriage. 5. Yes. A good sportsman will be quick to do so, and it is a sure way to become popular. 6. Yes.

Blind And Lame In War Industry

Physically-Handicapped Become Successful War-Workers

Here's an army that's socking the azis with a fist that isn't there.

This army, says The Kansas City Star, includes a legless locksmith who saves many man hours by scooting about the sprawling Lockheed aircraft plant in Los Angeles at dog-trot speed on a little platform on roller skates. . . Blind girl who can't cross the street unaided, but whose sensitive fingers are the joy of every assembly line and sorting department foreman . . . Deaf mutes who are placidly undisturbed by the pounding racket of the machines they operate. . . . One of the world's smallest midgets, a riveter, who crawls into the cramped tails of bombers, and his score of men and women friends who nonchalantly stroll about the inside of plane wings vacuum-cleaning for scrap bits of metal . . . One-legged drill press operators, one-warmed welders, a spastics—lack of muscular control—victim who operates a 94-spindle machine making parachute cords.

There're the 2,439 rehabilitated me nand women of Southern California's aircraft and shipbuilding plants, high-producing proof that physically-handicapped manpower can become a powerful factor in America's war — and post-war — production channels. A year ago they were industrially snubbed. Today hard-bitten, dead-line-ridden employers have taken them on in desperation, have discovered they know, and do, their jobs better than normal men in most cases —and are howling for more.

OFFERS 'REVOLUTION'

Offering what he admitted was "a revolution, yes, but a British revolution," Sir William Beveridge, above, submitted to Great Britain his blueprint for post-war living featuring a blanket social security system covering every citizen. He declared his proposal would abolish want without Britain's "going Bolshevist."

DRESSED TO KILL

Equipment of RAF heavy bomber rear gunner, ready for action, includes: 1—helmet; 2—oxygen mask and mike; 3—oxygen tube; 4—Intercommunication lead; 5—parachute "dog clips;" 6—inflated life jacket; 7—tape ties for jacket; 8—parachute harness release; 9—parachute harness webbing; 10—fur collar of lamb's wool lined leather jacket.

HOW CAN I?

Q. How can I make use of the juices from canned or pickled fruit?

A. Always save these juices, as they can be added to the water in which the ham is boiled.

Q. How can I remove paint stains from clothing?

A. Paint stains on clothing can often be removed simply by rubbing the stain with the wrong side of the same material.

Q. What can I do when my kid gloves have become spotted by rain drops?

A. Don't allow them to dry, but while they are still on the hands and damp, rub very gently with a damp cloth so that the rain drops are scattered. If this is done in time, the gloves will not spot.

Q. What is an effective method of flouring food evenly and quickly for frying?

A. Mix the flour, salt and pepper in a paper bag, put in the food to be floured, and then shake well.

Q. How can I clean a bronze article?

A. One of the best methods is to dip the article into boiling water and then rub with a soft cloth dipped in yellow soapsuds. Last, polish with another soft and dry cloth.

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